

Nomination for the Deputy Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT)

- The Government of Japan (GoJ) officially endorsed HORIKAWA Ryo, Director, Global Strategy Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, as a candidate for the position of the Deputy Secretary General of the APT (for the term from February 2027 to February 2030) in the election to be held at the APT General Assembly in 2026.
- Mr. HORIKAWA has been active in the field of postal and telecommunications policy for more than 20 years, and contributing extensively to international activities and building international personal networks.
- Japan has been a member country since the APT was established in 1979 and is the APT's largest financial contributor. The GoJ is confident in Mr. HORIKAWA's candidacy and remains firmly committed to advancing APT's mission through diverse and ongoing contributions.



Name

Mr. HORIKAWA, Ryo

Present Title

Director, Global Strategy Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan

Date of Birth

December 28, 1980

Education

- Bachelor of Laws
University of Tokyo
- Master of Laws
Georgetown University Law Center

Professional Career

- 2023 Director, Global Strategy Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC)
- 2023 Director, Multilateral Economic Affairs Office, MIC
- 2020 Vice Mayor / Chief Digitalization Officer (CDO), Miyoshi City, Hiroshima
- 2019 Senior Principal Deputy Director, Postal Policy Department, MIC
- 2016 First Secretary, Mission of Japan to ASEAN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
- 2014 Principal Deputy Director, Cybersecurity Office, MIC
- 2013 Secretary to Vice Minister for Communications, MIC
- 2011 Deputy Director, Postal Policy Office, Financial Services Agency (FSA)
- 2008 Assistant Director, International Cooperation Division, MIC
- 2007 Assistant Director, Regional Communications Division, MIC
- 2003 Joined the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Japan

Activities for the APT

- 2023 Chair of the Correspondence Group for the APT Ministerial Meeting (CGMM)

Chair of the Working Group of Management Committee on APT Legal Instruments (WGMC) [Present]
- 2025 Vice-Chair of the APT Telecommunication/ICT Development Forum (ADF) [Present]

A portrait of Ryo Horikawa, a man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a blue patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light grey.

HORIKAWA, Ryo

**Candidate for the Post of
Deputy Secretary General of
the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT)**

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